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Waynesville, NC 28786
January 29, 2022

Subject: Who is Adrienne Kruse at C.P. Kruse & Co.? Accountant for Nicole Kott?

We learned from the Helping Hands of Haywood website that one of **Nicole Kott's** sponsors is:

- C. P. Kruse & Co. <http://www.kruseaccounting.com/>

The Kruse Accounting website lists three people involved:

- Adrienne Kruse is the owner of CP Kruse & Company,
- Caroyl Kruse,
- Naomi Shastri

The address for this organization is:

CP Kruse & Co.
2361 Hendersonville Road
Arden, NC 28704

Wait a minute...

Recalling:

[Connection between Helping Hands of Haywood \(Nicole Kott\) and Our Place Inn \("All Cops are Bastards"\)? Let's Follow the Money. 1/13/2022...](#)

or

<https://www.haywoodtp.net/pubII/220113FollowTheMoney.pdf>

pages 9 and 10 (IRS Details about Helping Hands of Haywood), the mailing address on file with the IRS is exactly the same as that of CP Kruse & Co, [!]

WTF?

Additionally, during an email exchange with Rob Hites, Waynesville Town Manager, **Nicole Kott** offered:

Subject: Re: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.

Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2022 11:12:41 -0500

From: Helping Hands of Haywood <helpinghandsofhaywood@gmail.com>

To: Monroe Miller

Hi Mr. Miller

Our office address has changed to 258 North Main Street, Suite B, Waynesville NC 28786.
Thank you, have a great day.

Nicole Kott

Let's re-examine those IRS printouts...

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Helping Hands Of Haywood

EIN: 84-4013135 | Waynesville, NC, United States

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> Tax Year 2020 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

> Tax Year 2019 Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Tax Period:

2019 (01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019)

EIN:

84-4013135

Legal Name (Doing Business as):

Helping Hands Of Haywood

Mailing Address:

2361 HENDERSONVILLE RD
ARDEN, NC 28704
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Principal Officer's Name and Address:

Nicole Kott

217 Assembly St
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\$50,000

Organization has terminated:

No

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Look at the mailing address on file with the IRS (2019).

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Same address, 2020.

By the way, **Nicole Kott** (maybe on the advice from her accountant) filed Form 990-N (an e-Postcard). Both of these returns indicated Gross receipts not greater than \$50,000.

We recall from Rob Hites, in an email he sent on 1/11/2022 -

Subject: Fwd: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.
Date: Tue, 11 Jan 2022 22:25:40 +0000
From: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>
To: Monroe Miller

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Misty Hagood <mhagood@waynesvillenc.gov>
Date: January 11, 2022 at 3:18:41 PM EST
To: Rob Hites <rhites@waynesvillenc.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for Public Information - Donations to Helping Hands of Haywood.

Rob,

The payments that Gail has in the system to Helping Hands are as follows –

8/4/2020	\$5,041.00
7/9/2021	\$7,500.00
10/12/2021	\$8,750.00
1/11/2022	\$8,750.00

Misty

We now know that the Aldermen did not approve the next \$8,750 at the 1/11/2022 meeting, but did approve it at the 1/25/2022 meeting.

Additionally, from the AGREEMENT OF PROGRAM SUBSIDY TO TEMPORARILY HOUSE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (a.k.a. the Confidentiality Agreement) **Nicole Kott** signed with Gary Caldwell, Mayor of Waynesville, the disbursement schedule is:

JAN 22 2022

This AGREEMENT OF PROGRAM SUBSIDY TO TEMPORARILY HOUSE INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS is made and entered into this the 18th day of August, 2021 by and between the TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE, a North Carolina municipal corporation, herein known as "the Town", and HELPING HANDS OF HAYWOOD, a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, herein known as "Helping Hands".

1. Amount of Grants

The Town shall incrementally grant Helping Hands a total sum of \$70,000 over a period of two years for the purpose of subsidizing Helping Hands' program to temporarily house individuals experiencing homelessness. The increments of which the Town will subsidize Helping Hands are specified in table 1 below. This agreement relies solely upon the Federal and State disbursement of American Rescue Plan funds to the Town of Waynesville. If for any reason the Federal government or the North Carolina State government fails to disburse American Rescue Plan funds to the Town of Waynesville, then this agreement shall be considered void.

Table 1

	Month of Disbursement	Amount of Disbursement
Increment 1	October, 2021	\$8,750
Increment 2	January, 2022	\$8,750
Increment 3	April, 2022	\$8,750
Increment 4	July, 2022	\$8,750
Increment 5	October, 2022	\$35,000

→ 2021 \$8,750
2022 \$61,250
Must be reported on IRS Form 990 (>\$50k)

2. Requirements

Following increment 1, in order to be considered eligible for the next increment of funding disbursement Helping Hands shall present to the Board of Aldermen a written report which outlines 1) how much money Helping Hands received in the prior increment of funding disbursement, 2) how Helping Hands spent any money that was received in the prior increment of funding disbursement, 3) if Helping Hands did not spend all of the money received in the prior increment of funding disbursement then this report shall indicate why that money was not spent and Helping Hands shall outline their plan to spend the money in the future. Helping Hands shall provide the Town with receipts of every transaction made using money awarded through the American Rescue Plan. All money awarded to helping hands for the purpose temporarily housing individuals experiencing homelessness shall be spent by July 1, 2023. Any money awarded by the Town to Helping Hands which is not spent by July 1, 2023 shall be reimbursed to the Town.

3. Failure to Provide Program

If for any reason Helping Hands ceases to provide the service of temporarily housing individuals experiencing homelessness, then the Town shall withhold disbursement of American Relief Plan funds until that service is continued by Helping Hands. Helping Hands shall use funding provided by the Town solely for the purpose of temporarily housing individuals experiencing homelessness. If any amount of funding provided by the Town is used for programs, activities, or ventures other than the temporary housing of individuals experiencing homelessness, then Helping Hands shall reimburse the Town for the full amount of money spent outside the terms of this agreement.

The only thing we know is that **Nicole Kott** will have to file the complete Form 990 for the year 2022, but we will never know how much her sponsors donated in years prior.

What's going on with

- C. P. Kruse & Co. <http://www.kruseaccounting.com/>

Again, from this website, we know:

“Adrienne Kruse is the owner of CP Kruse & Company and native of Asheville, NC. She graduated from UNC-Asheville with a BS in accounting. In 2006 she became the owner of her established family business C.P. Kruse & CO. and has spent her professional career focused on local businesses.”

“Adrienne has also worked with Loving Food Resource Center and is Treasurer for Bright Blessings of Asheville. Adrienne is also a full time mom to a beautiful 5 year old, Charlotte. They both enjoy spending their free time in their gardens. Adrienne resides in Asheville, NC.”

Adrienne Kruse has a Facebook page, much like **Kitty Currin** (a.k.a. Our Place Inn - All Cops are Bastards) used to have.

<https://www.facebook.com/CpKruseCo/>

Looks like Adrienne has a dissatisfied customer. Here are her comments [date not posted] ...

Author

CP Kruse & Co.

As I explained over the phone when we discussed this, I look at thousands of documents and the address is not what I am looking at. I am looking at the relevant information. Yes, we did miss that only your apartment number changed (the main part of the address was still the exact same) . Again I apologized and offered to help where I can. However, you also had your mail forwarded from the old address to the new one and the post office failed to do that. Also, since you were well aware of the change of apartment it would have been helpful to just let me know. I have over 700 clients I am dealing with all in the span of a few months. In over 20 years not one has complained about an address or not bothered to at least mention it. I will take responsibility when needed but as I explained. I'm human and unfortunately some people just need to complain.

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Author

CP Kruse & Co.

and yes. It is all my fault the IRS is not answering your call.

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Christiana Brinton

I NEVER complain about these kinds of things normally. I know it is a combination of situations. BUT, in this case, you took my money, almost the same amount as the refund I should have received, and refused, at the time, to take any responsibility for this situation. How can you help now? Get me in touch with an IRS agent? Get my refund sent to my correct address? You know how the IRS is, all the more reason to be extra careful. I didn't think I needed to remind you that I'd changed addresses over 6 months prior to submitting my documents. A perfect storm and I am the one paying the price, not you.

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Christiana Brinton

I will never use this company again. For my 2020 tax returns I gave them all my paperwork, and every piece of official paperwork had my current address on it. Instead of checking the address on these pieces, they used my old address in their system. Also they did not go over the final documents when I came to pick them up. Just handed it to me and I walked out. The post office returned the refund to the IRS as undeliverable. To date (July 2021), I have not received my refund. I have tried 6 times to get in touch with someone at the IRS to no avail. I am NOT happy about this and it is CP Kruse's fault and I am out almost \$600. Bad news.

So, the moral of the story here is, if you deal with Adrienne Kruse of CP Kruse & Company, be sure to provide your correct address, and get a confirmation.

Be sure to check this Facebook page out pretty quickly, because I think that this Facebook page won't be around much longer, much like the Our Place Inn (a.k.a. All Cops are Bastards) Facebook page got wiped off the face of the earth.

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Haywood County Taxpayer

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